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Dear President Reagan:

I was so pleased and gratified when I learned that you had appointed Elizabeth Hanford Dole as your new Secretary of Transportation. Liddy and I are both from the same beautiful little town, Salisbury, North Carolina; and the pride that we fellow Salisburyans take in her accomplishments are manifold.

Mr. President, it is my great privilege to serve as President of the Raoul Wallenberg Committee of the United States. In this capacity I sent a letter on January 17th to Soviet Party Secretary Yuri Andropov. The letter requests that the Soviet Union reopen its investigation of the Wallenberg case based upon recent information that has come to light through Mr. Isher Hanukiev, a Russian emigre now living in Israel. Mr. Hanukiev said that he was with Raoul Wallenberg for four days in March, 1972, in a Sverdlovsk Prison in the USSR.

I am writing to beg you to appeal to Secretary Andropov. The government of the United States must not be viewed as taking lightly the fate of its only living Honorary Citizen, Raoul Wallenberg.

Thank you for your interest, Mr. President, and for your continuing efforts on behalf of Raoul Wallenberg. Your personal interest in this case is well-recognized and deeply appreciated.

Most cordially,

Rachel Oestreicher Hessel
President

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